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[and] an extension arm linked at its [the] proximal end to the distal end of said swing arm by means of a joint pin, said swing arm and said extension arm being oblique relative to each other in said interior and coming in line with each other when said arm section and said extension arm are extended out of an opening of the cabinet, said extension arm and said swing arm being pivoted relative to each other and [so as to be adapted to become aligned with said arm section or pivotable therefrom] toward the opening of the cabinet, said extension arm [and] pivotably linked at its [the] distal end [thereof] by means of an anchor pin to an anchor pin bearing secured to the cabinet door, wherein [and that the pivot where the link arm and the base section of the swing arm are linked by means of] the link pin is located relative to an [the] axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle so as to provide a desired force for assisting in closing and/or opening said door [when the arm section and the extension arm are oblique relative to each other and the cabinet door is closed].

*Cancel* claims 5-14 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute the following claims therefor:

*D' 2* *D* The cabinet of claim 15 wherein the door prop unit is a pull-down-and-open type door prop unit, the fitting case is fitted to an inner surface of one of the lateral walls of the cabinet, the movable spring holder is vertically movable relative to the fitting case containing it and urged upward by the compression springs, the link arm is pivotably linked at the lower end to the movable spring holder by means of the pivot pin, the arm spindle is located in an upper portion of the fitting case, the base section is linked to the upper end of said link arm, the link pin is located closer to the door relative to a vertical axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle when the swing arm and the extension arm are oblique relative to each other to expand said compression springs when

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the door is closed, whereas said link pin is located substantially on said vertical axial line and the swing arm and the extension arm are aligned as the movable spring holder is moved downward when the door is opened.

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17. The cabinet of claim 16 wherein the arm spindle is linked to a rotary shaft of a damper mechanism arranged in the fitting case and designed to exert a damping effect on the closing or closing and opening motion of the door by means of viscous fluid.

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18. The cabinet of claim 15 wherein the door prop unit is a pull-up-and-open type top door prop unit, the fitting case is fitted to an inner surface of one of the lateral walls of the cabinet, the movable spring holder is horizontally movable relative to the fitting case containing it and urged toward the front wall of the cabinet by the compression springs, the link arm is pivotably linked at the end close to the rear wall of the cabinet to the movable spring holder by means of the pivot pin, the arm spindle is located close to the front wall of the cabinet, the base section is linked to the end of said link arm close to the front wall of the cabinet, the link pin is located between the pivot pin and the arm spindle and slightly away from the door relative to a horizontal axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle when the swing arm and the extension arm are oblique relative to each other to compress said compression springs when the door is closed, whereas said link pin is located closer to the front wall of the cabinet relative to the swing arm and away from the cabinet door relative to the horizontal axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle and the arm section and the extension arm are aligned and project upward to expand said compression springs as the movable spring holder is moved away from the door relative to said horizontal axial line when the door is opened.

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19. The cabinet of claim 18 wherein the arm spindle is linked to a rotary shaft of a damper mechanism arranged in the fitting case and designed to exert a damping effect on the closing or closing and opening motion of the door by means of viscous fluid.

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The cabinet of claim 15 wherein the door prop unit is a pull-up-and-open type door prop unit, the fitting case is fitted to an inner surface of one of the lateral walls of the cabinet, the movable spring holder is vertically movable relative to the fitting case containing it and urged downward by the compression springs, the link arm is pivotably linked at the upper end to the movable spring holder by means of the pivot pin, the arm spindle is located in a lower portion of the fitting case, the base section is linked to the lower end of said link arm, the link pin is located closer to the cabinet door relative to a vertical axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle when the swing arm and the extension arm are oblique relative to each other to compress said compression springs when the door is closed, whereas said link pin is moved substantially onto said vertical axial line connecting said pivot pin and said swing arm in the initial stages of opening the door and then further away from the door relative to said vertical axial line in the subsequent stages of opening the door until the swing arm and the extension arm are aligned to expand the compression spring and complete the door opening operation.

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The cabinet of claim 20 wherein the arm spindle is linked to a rotary shaft of a damper mechanism arranged in the fitting case and designed to exert a damping effect on the closing or closing and opening motion of the door by means of viscous fluid.

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22. The cabinet of claim 15 wherein the door prop unit is a pull-sideways-and-open type door prop unit, the fitting case is fitted to an inner surface of either the top or bottom wall of the cabinet, the movable spring holder is horizontally movable relative to the fitting case containing it and urged toward the front wall of the cabinet by the compression springs, the link arm is pivotably linked at the end close to the rear wall of the cabinet to the movable spring holder by means of the pivot pin, the arm spindle is located in a portion of the fitting case close to the front wall of the cabinet, the base section is linked to the end of said link arm close to the front wall of the cabinet, the link pin is located closer to the door relative to a horizontal axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle when the swing arm and the extension arm are oblique relative to each other to expand said compression springs when the door is closed, whereas said link pin is moved substantially onto said horizontal axial line connecting said link pivot pin and said spindle arm in the initial stages of opening the door and then further away from the door relative to said horizontal axial line in the subsequent stages of opening the door until the swing arm section and the extension arm are aligned to expand the compression spring and complete the door opening operation.

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23. The cabinet of claim 22 wherein the arm spindle is linked to a rotary shaft of a damper mechanism arranged in the fitting case and designed to exert a damping effect on the closing or closing and opening motion of the door by means of viscous fluid.

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24. The cabinet of claim 15 wherein the door prop unit is a pull-up-and-store-under-the-top type door prop unit designed for the door to be pulled up to a horizontal position, pushed into the cabinet and stored under the top wall of the cabinet by means of a bracket horizontally movable along a sliding rail